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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY -- AUGUST 20

1. HIGHLIGHTS:

-- SOVIET MEDIA HAVE NOT, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, MENTIONED THE AUG 18 INCIDENT IN KOREA;

-- ALL MEDIA REPORT PRESIDENT FORD'S NOMINATION BY THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION;

-- ALL CENTRAL MEDIA REPORT ON BREZHNEV - HONECKER MEETING IN CRIMEA AUG 19. PARTICIPANTS, ACCORDING TO TASS, TOOK NOTE OF "EFFORTS BY CERTAIN CIRCLES TO DAMAGE THE SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OF GDR", AND THE WORKING-"COMRADELY MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING"--SUGGESTS THAT SOME DIFFERENCES WERE AIRED.

-- OTHER VISITS ANNOUNCED: POLISH DEPUTY PM OLSZWESKI MET TIWHT COUNTERPART LESECHKO AUG 19; DEFMIN USTINOV INVITED THE MALIAN MINISTER OF DEFENSE, INTERIOR AND SECURITY AFFAIRS FOR END OF THIS MONTH, GORSHKOV VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA CONTINUES; AND BRITISH HOUSE OF LORDS DELEGATION MET ON 18TH WITH COUNCIL OF UNION CHAIRMAN SHITIKOV.

-- IZVESTIYA ANNOUNCED SOVIET NAVAL SHIP VISITS TO CUBA AUG 22-27 AND TO VANCOUVER, B C AUG 25-30.

-- PRAVDA CARRIES A TASS BUCHAREST ITEM ON THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ROMANIAN POLITBURO'S ENDORSEMENT OF CEAUSESCU'S REPORT ON HIS TALKS WITH BREZHNEV.

-- PRAVDA ALSO FEATURES AN ARTICLE BY HUNGARIAN FROEIGN MINISTER PUJA ON THE BENEFICIAL RESULTS OF HELSINKI.

-- PRAVDA CARRIES A "REPLIKA" BY A. TOLKUNOV

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ANSWERING AND RIDICULING SIR ROBERT THOMPSON'S READER'S DIGEST ARTICLE ON ALLEGED SOVIET EFFORTS TO CONTROL THE WORLD - AND EVEN THE SOLAR SYSTEM.

-- A TASS WASHINGTON ARTICLE IN PRAVDA REPORTS THE GROWTH OF ISRAELI ARMS EXPORTS WITH ALLEGED U.S. SUPPORT, AND KZ CHIMES IN ON ISRAELI SHIP BUILDING FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

-- PRAVDA'S YU. GLUKHOV COMMENTS SADLY ON THE FALL OF TAL ZAATAR, BLAMING IT ON LEBANESE RIGHTISTS AIDED BY "IMPERIALIST FORCES" AND ISRAEL. GLUKHOV ALSO ASKS WHAT HAPPENED TO ARAB SOLIDARITY AND HOW "CERTAIN CIRCLES IN THE ARAB WORLD" CAN CONTINUE TO SEEK AGREEMENT WITH "IMPERIALIST FORCES."

-- REPORTAGE FROM THE COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT CITES PORTIONS OF THE SPEECHES OF AUG 19, INCLUDING CUBAN, ANGOLAN, AND LAOTIAN CALLS FOR CLOSER NON-ALIGNED COOPERATION WITH THE USSR AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. IZVESTIYA'S INTERNATIONAL COMMENTARY BY N. NOVIKOV, COMPARES THE "CAPITALIST" WORLD'S ALLEGED ECONOMIC EXPLOITATION OF LDCS WITH "SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES' SELFLESS COOPERATION.

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-- ALL CENTRAL MEDIA REPORT PRESIDENT FORD'S NOMINATION AND HIS SELECTION OF SENATOR DOLE AS HIS RUNNING MATE. TASS AGAIN SPEAKS OF CONTRADICTIONS IN THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM BUT QUOTES SECRETARY KISSINGER THAT THE PRESIDENT, NOT THE PARTY, DIRECTS FOREIGN POLICY.
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-- IN OTHER U.S. ITEMS, IZVESTIYA CARRIES A LONG ARTICLE ON DISCLOSURES OF THE CIA'S DRUG EXPERIMENTS UNDER "OPERATION ARTICHOKE."

-- AND PRAVDA'S BORIS STRELNIKOV, WRITING THAT PAPER'S COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN, IS EXERCISED ABOUT REPORTED U.S. PLANS (AND UK APPROVAL) TO BUILD A RADIO TRANSMITTED IN THE UK, LINKED TO "CIA-FINANCED" STATION, RADIO FREE EUROPE.
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